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### WEATHER TODAY.

Portland, Nov. 9.—West-ern Oregon and Western Washington: Friday, generally fair.  
Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington: Fair.

### MAYORALTY AN ISSUE.

The withdrawal of Messrs. Higgins and Elmore from the mayoralty contest leaves the party just as it was before there was any suggestion of a campaign. The field is absolutely clear. The mere fact that two prominent citizens have been compelled to retire from the engagement upon absolutely personal grounds, has no bearing upon the third man upon whom the party shall unite for its chief in the contest about to be waged. The Republicans of Astoria will stand by whosoever among the able and honest men of Astoria, shall feel at liberty to enter the race in its behalf and do him the honor of electing him. Mr. John T. Ross is the man wanted and it is hoped he will see the exact conditions confronting the party and take the helm in the matter, to be quick and general relief of the whole community. He is competent, alert, and will lend dignity and weight to the claims of the party he stands for, and the mere announcement that he will be the standard bearer in the approaching campaign, will put the opposition to the bad in a brace of minutes and give them to understand the real and deliberate purpose of the Republicans to take charge of this city and to handle it in a resourceful and broad-minded way to the good of its last citizen and his last demand for decent and wholesome administration.

### FEDERAL TRAIN.

Now they are about to put on a Federal Train for the use of the President of the United States on his official tours about the country. All the great lines of the country are to contribute to the establishment of the new train and to its maintenance, year by year. It is a splendid idea and one that will add dignity to the post and solve the long-contested issue of who shall bear the expense of his itineraries throughout the nation. It is not right that the Chief Executive of this tremendous Government should pay the cost of mingling with the people to acquaint himself with their needs and place himself in rapport with their desires as to the manner and policies of government. The train should cost nothing. It should be given to the nation, as a small measure of compensation for the primal gifts that have made the great roads what they are, the lordliest of the American rich. Equipment and service should be of the best, and the whole thing maintained by one or more of the companies, for a term of one, two or three years. The distinct honor of being able to supply the necessary cars, engine and servants, for this especial service, is ample recompense for any system, and the Government should never be asked to pay one dollar to keep it in instant readiness for the use of the President. It should be at his command at all times, for any distance, to any point in the whole country, without question for preference: his and his alone, to

do with as the exigencies of Government shall require. No President of these United States is going to use the train to campaign with. Presidents are not made of such cheap stuff. Give him a train, the best that can be made up, and let Congress see to it that not one dollar is ever expended for its maintenance.

### CALL UP HEAVEN.

Unexpectedly to the public, the dispatches sent from the wireless electrical apparatus on the ship bearing the President around Florida, which were intended for Washington and some of the South Atlantic ports, have been registered also at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, by an instrument attached to a kite. By a change of key the Kansas experimenters caught messages from other ships out on the ocean. This is a remarkable development in wireless telegraphy and shows the rapid advance that has been made in it. It is less than ten years since the world heard of an Italian boy who had erected poles on his father's estate and established communication between them without wires. In the course of the next five years Marconi applied his invention at several points on the coast of England, and it was considered a great achievement when, in the fall of 1900, messages passed by wireless, over a stormy sea, between Dover, England, and Ostend, Belgium, a distance of sixty-one miles. War and Navy Departments in all the leading countries have been quietly investigating the new invention, for it is certain to work a change in both strategy and tactics. In the recent war in the East, Russia issued an order directing that all persons found on ships, equipped with wireless apparatus, in the Manchurian region, be treated as spies. That the wireless has modified, not to say upset, the old spy system, is evident. From beyond the reefs of Florida to Kansas is in the neighborhood of two thousand miles, and it is impossible to fix a limit on the range of the wireless. Scientists say that it has opened up the possibilities of the ether, and that provides all space.

### AMERICAN HEBREWS.

Extensive preparations are on foot for the celebration, beginning November 25, of the 250th anniversary of the settlement of the Jews in the United States. The year 1655 was noteworthy for the issue by the Dutch East India Company of a grant of privileges which gave the first legal recognition to the immigration of what was then almost a universally proscribed race. A party of twenty-three Portuguese Jews, which had fled from Brazil to New Amsterdam, was allowed to stay, with civil and political rights. From this little germ has grown the greatest Jewish colony in the world. New York's Jewish population—672,776—being larger than that of any other city; Lodz, in Poland comes next, with 150,000, and Vienna is third. London has 138,800, which is but 2.1 per cent of its total population. Of the 11,000,000 Jews in the world 1,500,000 are in this country. It is an acquisition of which this country may well be proud and to which it owes very much of its greatness. The Jew has been well to the front in all the great movements that have developed the country and built up the nation. The celebration of his coming might fitly be participated in, not by the Jews alone, but by all. The Jew is more numerous today than in his greatest days, proudly conscious that without a country, an army or a common vernacular, without the possibility of combination, he yet remains a power in controlling the world's destinies: a perpetual witness to the truth of his own words, "The race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong."

### RUSSIAN PEOPLES.

According to the official statistics of the Russian census, recently published, 78 per cent of the population can neither read nor write. The total population of the Empire is stated to be 126,586,525, of which 99,070,436 are illiterate. Of students, who have constituted the leading factor in the movement for enlargement of popular rights, there are 104,321 in universities and the higher institutions of learning, 99,948 in secondary schools, 1,072,977 in primary schools and 77,441 in military schools. The number of peasants is 98,896,648, who constitute the great bulk of the tillers of the soil, and live in communities, cultivating the land in common instead of being chiefly renters. The number of territory nobles is 1220,103, and of personal nobles and officials 620,119. Of priests and ministers of all denominations there are 588,947. Dwellers of the humbler class in cities number 13,386,392, and merchants 281,179. The remainder of the population, constituting about 11,000,000 is made up of Cossacks, nomads and semi-barbarous inhabitants. There are sixty-five provinces in Russia proper, besides the following others ruled by the Czar, with numerous sub-

divisions: Poland, Finland, the Caucasus, Siberia, Central Asia and Turkestan.—Ex.

### SCAT!

A war has been declared on cats, and Tommy and Maria must "scat" off the earth. The movement is not started on account of objections to midnight concerts on the roof or back fence. In fact, the restless slumbers of disease-tortured patients is not an element in the crime that the cat has been found guilty of. Cats like bird meat and never observe game laws or regard the close season. It is for this that the war has been declared. The manifesto was pronounced by President William Dutcher at the meeting of the National Association of Audubon Societies in New York. The society has for its purpose the protection of birds. Cats are enemies of birds. Therefore, cats must go.

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